

# MONOLITH

## Composition Flooring

A decorative flourish consisting of a large, symmetrical loop with a smaller, tighter loop at the bottom right, all in a light, elegant script.

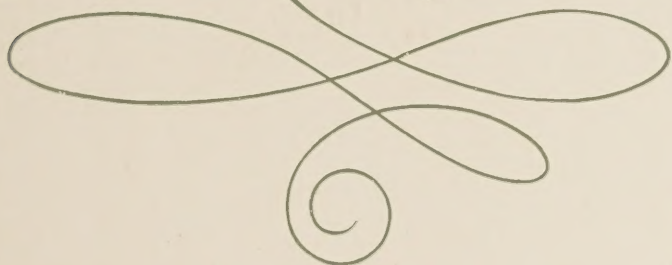
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A Sanitary and Fireproof  
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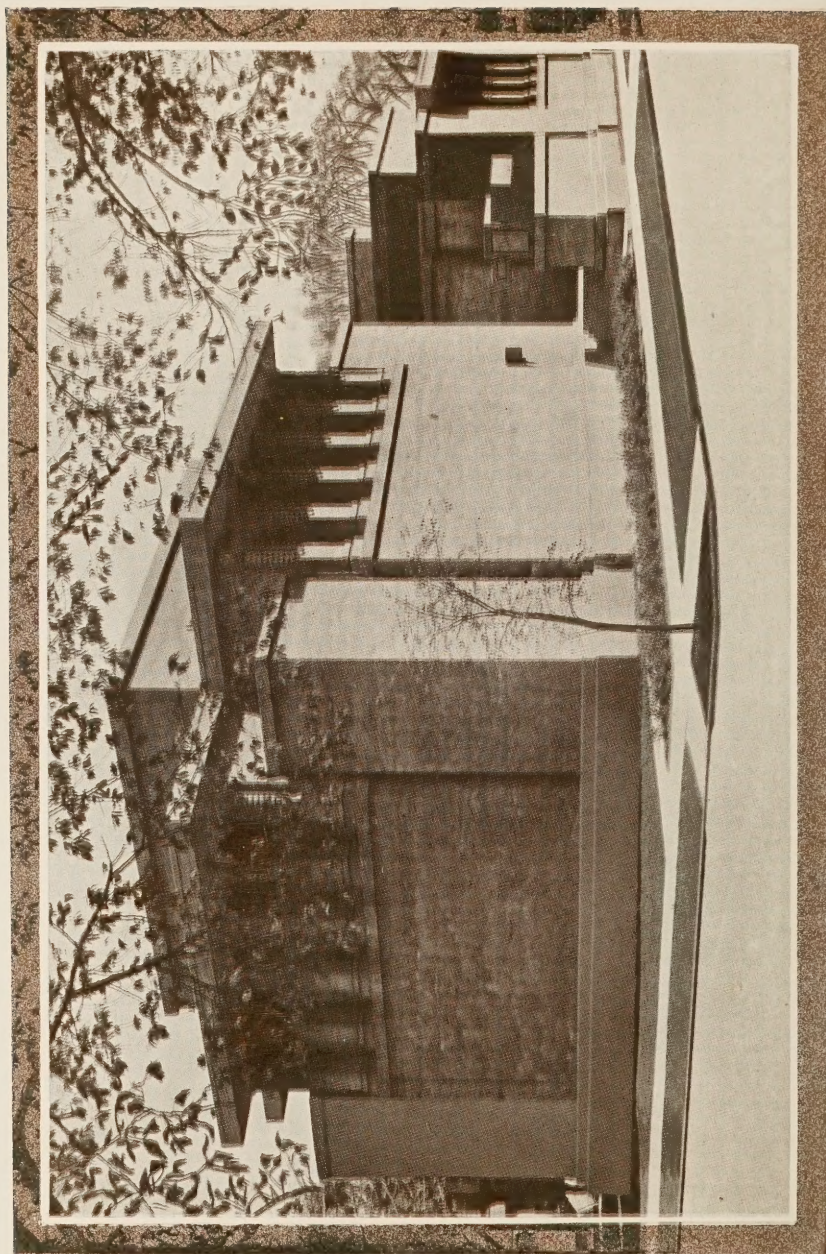
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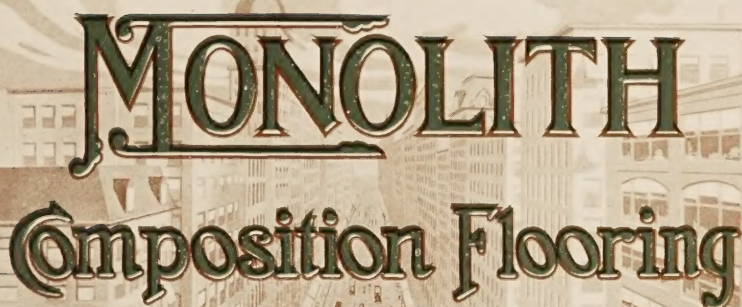
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A Church in Oak Park, Chicago. Frank Wright, Architect. Monolith Composition Flooring throughout.



# MONOLITH Composition Flooring



THE American Monolith Company, the oldest organization for the manufacture of Composition Flooring in the United States, engaged in this business in 1898.

During these years, they have perfected and improved their Composition flooring, both as to the chemical composition as well as to the practical manner of application. The firm has made a special point of keeping in touch with all improvements in the building line, both in the United States and Europe. They are members of the Association of Composition Floor Manufacturers of Germany (Verein Deutscher Steinholfabrikanten), with headquarters at Leipzig, Germany.

They feel confident of being able to give absolutely the best material of this kind in their Composition Flooring Material—"Monolith."

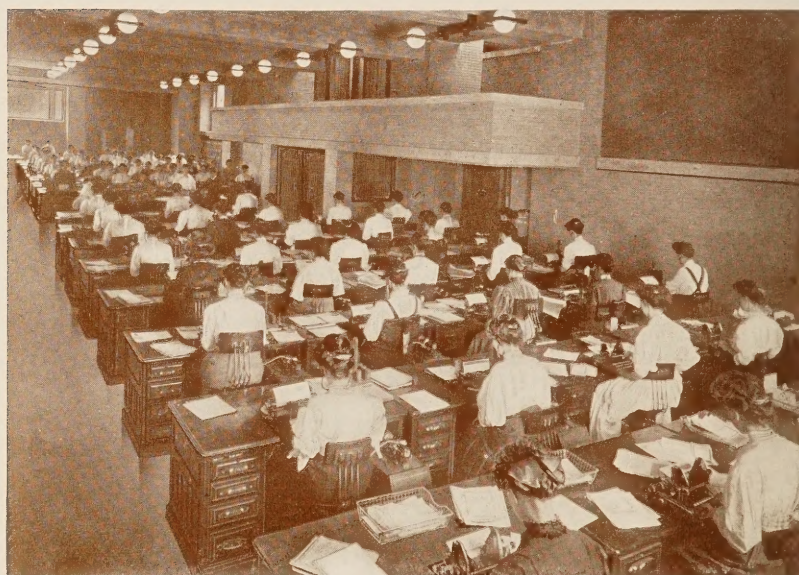
This book will give as full a description as possible of the special merits of Monolith Composition flooring, and we wish particularly to call the attention of architects, contractors and builders, to the fact that the most important thing in the manufacture of this material is a full, practical and technical knowledge, which can be gained only by experience.



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Fireproof Administration Building, Larkin Soap Company, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Designed by Mr. Frank Wright, Chicago. A large percentage of the  
flooring in this building is Composition Flooring.



Stenographer's department, Larkin Soap Co. All furniture in this building is fireproof. We furnished over 1,500 slabs of Monolith Composition for desk and table tops used in their offices.

# Monolith Composition Flooring

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Monolith Composition flooring is mixed on the job, and applied in plastic shape with a trowel; it will adhere to any hard, firm surface, such as a sub-flooring of wood, concrete, brick or stone. The material sets and hardens fully within twenty-four hours from the time it is laid, and becomes as firm and durable as stone or cement; it is as pliable and elastic as hardwood. It affords an absolutely jointless floor surface, which can be continued up on the wall as a mop or base board. It is pleasant to walk upon, not cold to the touch, and is a deadener of sound. It is absolutely fire and water proof—a necessity in modern construction.

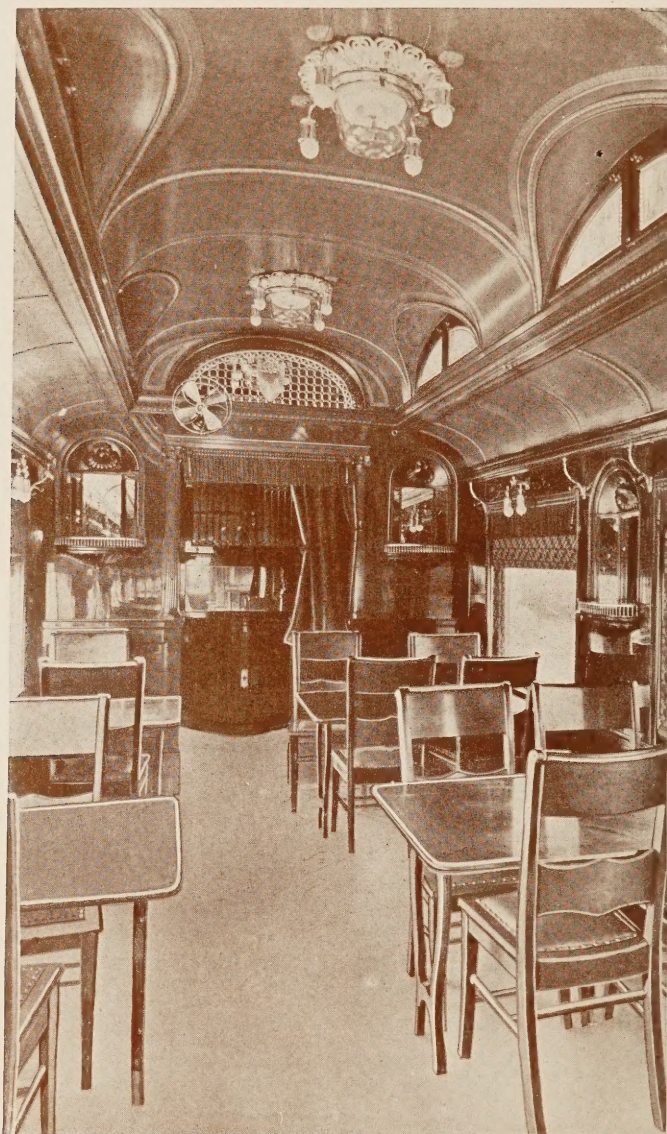
The superiority of this kind of a floor over a wooden floor, is its continuous jointless surface. A wooden floor, no matter how well laid, is made up of narrow boards, the joints between which soon become filled with dust and filth, forming breeding-places for microbes and bacteria. A floor of this kind will always raise dust, for the reason that, when



Chicago Union Hospital. Monolith Composition Flooring throughout.



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The Pullman Company uses Monolith Composition as the only practicable flooring for its dining cars.

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walked across, it causes the air to puff up between the cracks like a bellows, scattering the accumulation in the air. A wooden floor can never be sanitary in a strict sense of the word. A Monolith Composition floor is absolutely sanitary, both as to dust and filth, and also proof against vermin of any kind, such as cockroaches, rats, mice or ants.

We recommend this flooring for use in all buildings, public or private, where the essential feature of a floor should be cleanliness and practicability, combined with the features of wear, fireproof and waterproof. The surface of a Composition flooring is finished and treated similar to that of a fine hardwood floor, and it requires about the same care and attention. All floor surfaces subjected to wear, need some special care and attention, in order to retain their appearance and give the best service.

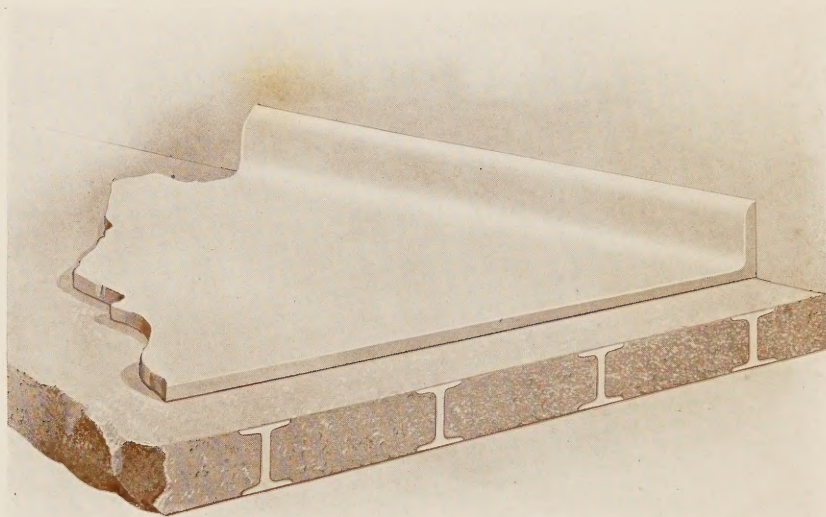


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The flooring is Monolith Composition.

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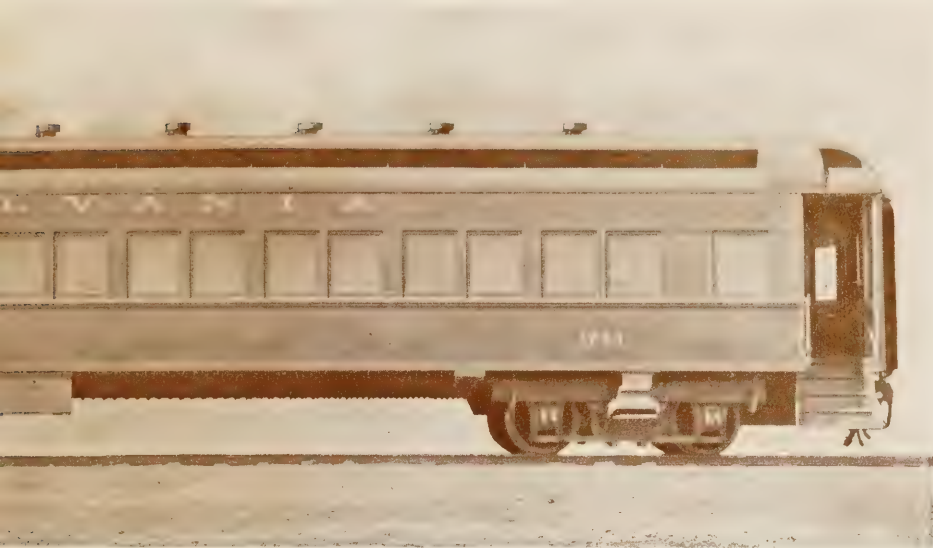
One of the new Pennsylvania all-steel passenger cars. In this model  
Flooring exclusively, because of its fireproof, durable, sanitary features, and



Cross section of Monolith Composition Flooring on sub-floor of concrete.



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type of equipment the Pennsylvania Company uses Monolith Composition  
because it is the only material practicable for flooring in the construction of these cars.



Monolith Composition Flooring on sub-floor of wood.

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Wisconsin State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis., in which a large amount of Monolith Composition Flooring was used.



The perfect flooring for hotel and café kitchens.



# Monolith Composition Flooring

This book will give an idea of the many places where this flooring is desirable and useful, and we invite correspondence as to any special application of the material. We are at all times ready to give estimates of cost, and a satisfactory guarantee with all work that is entrusted to us.

## SPECIAL INFORMATION TO ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS

Composition flooring is generally applied at a thickness of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, and our prices are based on that thickness by the square foot. The baseboard can be continued up on the wall, to any height up to one foot; the most popular height being six inches from the floor surface. We figure this work by the lineal foot, based on a height of six inches.

Where Monolith Composition flooring is to be specified, the sub-floor should be brought to within  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of the proposed finished floor level (or the thickness desired by the architect). All surfaces should be either firmly nailed or thoroughly hard and set.

The Composition flooring is made in a variety of colors, and we recommend the red, gray, buff and natural (light straw color). We will mail samples of colors, on request.

In large spaces, we recommend laying the floor in squares, the squares being divided by a strip border of any width. Floor surfaces, with plain border of different color than body, or laid out in large squares, can be laid without additional cost over square foot price.

The Composition flooring should be put into the building after other mechanics, such as plasterers, woodworkers and plumbers, are through, so that the floor will not be marred or scratched after it is finished.



Memorial Library, Franklin, Mass.  
All flooring Monolith Composition.

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Monolith Composition Stairs and Flooring in Oak Park High School, Chicago.



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## STAIR CONSTRUCTION

We call special attention to the illustrations showing our Monolith Composition stair construction. We manufacture the stair tread and riser in one piece, in lengths to suit, as shown on illustration of top tread. These treads are finished on both sides, doing away with the necessity of finishing or painting the rear or underside of the stairs, as in the case of illustration of Oak Park High School. These stair treads are absolutely fireproof, light in construction, economical as to space, and reasonable in cost. The stair treads, as shown, weigh thirty pounds to the lineal foot. These treads can be shipped from our factory in sizes as ordered, or they can be made up on the job as desired by the architect.



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## MONOLITH PATENT TILE CEMENT

We manufacture a Patent Composition Cement for setting tile on wooden construction. This Cement is sold by the ton to tile setters, and is very useful in all cases where tile is to be laid on wood. It is the only Cement with which to lay tile on old wooden floors, making it unnecessary to tear out the woodwork or of reinforcing the construction of the building.

We recommend every tile floor layer to order a sample shipment of this Cement to experiment with, and he will readily see its usefulness in his business. It will enable him to figure tile work reasonably in reconstruction of old buildings, and in applying tile on woodwork in a great many places where it is impracticable to use Portland Cement.

The American Monolith Company is ready at any time to give full instructions and information regarding the application, and we send full directions for mixing and applying with every shipment.

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